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## AMENDMENT A

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment responds to the Office Action mailed September 20, 2001.

An automatic one month extension of time to respond, up to and including January 20, 2002 (which falls on a Sunday), is respectfully requested. The requisite fee accompanies this Amendment.

The Examiner's attention is directed to the Information Disclosure Statement that accompanies this Amendment.

Please amend the application as follows:

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the heading of the Abstract section as follows in clean form as well as in marked-up form according to 37 C.F.R. §1.21(b):

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